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ANNIXTER, Paul.

b. Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 12, 1949

Mr. Paul Annixter
c/o A. A. Wyn Inc.
23 West 47th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Annixter:

Congratulations upon your forthcoming novel, SWIFTWATER, which we anticipate with pleasure. We are always interested in Maine books, and this would seem to promise a dramatic story, and a rich background of color in setting and character.

It will undoubtedly be included in our traveling libraries, our only means of circulating novels. Quite apart from this, however, is the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of Maine books -- those written about the state, by Maine natives, or those living here. The books are inscribed and presented by the authors, who have shown a gratifying interest in the collection, and who have inscribed their books with remarkable originality. We have pen-and-ink sketches, autobiographical anecdotes, bits of verse, tributes to the state, and other kinds of inscriptions.

The books are increasingly valuable, and constantly attract students and visitors. We should be very happy to have SWIFTWATER in the collection. It certainly is the kind of book which is a Maine book, and we hope you may want to inscribe a copy for this purpose.

Our very good wishes are yours for the success of the book, and we hope that if your way leads to Maine, you will call at the library and see the collection.

Sincerely yours

IN CHARGE OF
MAINE AUTHOR COLLECTION

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PAUL ANNIXTER
2009 HANSCOM DRIVE
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.

July 21 1949

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your good letter on my forthcoming book. Swiftwater, I am sorry to say, is not strictly a Maine book. It has to do in part with New Brunswick. However, I am hoping it will be included in your traveling libraries and I shall be happy to inscribe a copy for you.

The publication date has been postponed to January 1950, due to the fact that one of the Reading Clubs, F. R. C. has taken it for their winter selection and they have first call on publication.

Most Sincerely yours,

Paul Annixter

July 28, 1949

Mr. Paul Annixter
2009 Hanscom Drive
South Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Annixter:

Further congratulations are in order, it would seem, since your book SWIFTWATER has been chosen as a Family Reading Club selection. We are sorry that we have to wait longer for publication, but are glad that this recognition of the book's merit has occurred.

Yes, indeed, SWIFTWATER will be included in our traveling libraries. We did not mean to imply that only Maine books are selected, but rather that in addition to general literature, we make a special effort to include Maine novels.

We shall anticipate with pleasure the publication of SWIFTWATER, and the delight of adding it to the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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January 10, 1950

Mr. Paul Annixter
2009 Hanscom Drive
South Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Annixter:

The inscribed copy of SWIFTWATER has arrived, and we are delighted to be able to place it in the Maine Author Collection. The novel has much more scope and depth than we realized from advance notices, and so far as we can recall, this is the first novel to deal with wildlife conservation in just this way.

Congratulations on making a dramatic, colorful and yet wholly credible situation resolve so satisfactorily.

Best wishes for the eager reception of SWIFTWATER by readers, for its long life, and for future books; and our warm thanks for the gift to the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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